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FOLLOWING REPEAT ATHENS 561 ACTION SECSTATE 26 JAN

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 0561

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PFOR US GR

SUBJ: ARAB TERRORISTS

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1. THE POST HAS NOTHING FIRM TO INDICATE THERE IS
SUBSTANCE TO THE RUMORS OF A RELEASE OF THE TWO
CNVICTED TERRORISTS. HOWEVER, SUCH RUMORS HAVE BEEN
CIRCULATING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. IN VIEW OF THIS PERSISTENCE, I SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT
CALL IN THE GREEK CHARGE THIS MORNING AND GIVE HIM OUR
VIEWS IN WRITING. WE SHOULD COMPLIMENT THE GOG ON ITS
STRONG STAND IN BRINGING THE TERRORISTS TO TRIAL, AND
REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATELY PUNISHING SUCH
CRIMINALS. TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECT ON THE GOG I WOULD
SUGGEST WE NOTE THE SERIOUS EFFECT RUMORED RELEASE
WOULD HAVE ON THE RULE OF LAW AND ORDERLY LIFE OF
CIVILIZED NATIONS.

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3. THIS DEMARCHE WOULD BE A FOLLOW-UP TO MY FIRM AND EFFECTIVE MESSAGE TO PM ANDROUTSOPOULOS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT ROME ATHENS HIJACKING AND MURDERS. ANDROUTSOPOULOS INDICATED TO ME THEN THAT THESE EVENTS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN GOG DECISION TO REMAIN FIRM.

4. AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN ITS ACTION, I WOULD PLAN TO REINFORCE IT BY PASSING A SIMILAR MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST THE TEXT OF NOTE IF IT IS TRANSMITTED. TASCA UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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